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UNCLAS. JULY 27. THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA AND GUATEMALA WITH PRESIDENT ARTURO ARMANDO MOLINA GENERATED POSITIVE REACTION IN LOCAL MEDIA AND HOPES WERE EXPRESSED FOR A QUICK SETTLEMENT OF THE HONDURAN AND EL SALVADOR DISPUTE.

HIGH CIRCULATION, LEADING LA PRENSA GRAFICA BANNERED "EL SALVADOR REITERATES ITS INTENTION TO FULFILL THE SAN JOSE PLAN," FRONTPAGING TOGETHER WITH CONSERVATE EL DIARIO DE HOY PICTURES OF SALVADORAN FORMIN GREETING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN MINISTERS AT THE AIRPORT.

LA PRENSA GRAFICA REPORTED THAT THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT PROMISED THE MINISTERS YESTERDAY TO KEEP FULFILLING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE SAN JOSE PLAN WHICH WAS SUBSCRIBED TO BY EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS ON JULY 4, 1970. THE PLAN CALLS FOR THE STABLISHMENT OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE ALONG THE COMMON BORDER AND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SALVADORAN AND HONDURAN TROOPS TO A DISTANCE OF THREE KILOMETERS FROM THE DEMARCATION LINES.
IN A FOLLOWING QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, COSTA RICAN FORMIN FACIO
SAID THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHICH OF THE COUNTRIES HAD VIOLATED THE SAN JOSE PLAN. HE ADDED "AN IMMEDIATE UNDERSTANDING IS NEED BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES SO
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THAT THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS WILL NOT DETERIORATE."

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IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOR. MINISTERS OF EL SALVADOR
AND HONDURAS HAD AGREED TO A MEETING IN GUATEMALA NEXT THURS-
DAY TO DISCUSS WAYS TO REACH "HARMONY" IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN
AREA. IN ASSESSING THE FEAR OF A NEW WAR WITH HONDURAS, LA
PRENSA GRAFICA EDITORIALIZED THAT THE "MANY MEETINGS BETWEEN THE
PRESIDENTS OF HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR AND OTHER HIGH AUTHORITIES OF
BOTH COUNTRIES IN QUEST OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THEIR
DIFFERENCES HAD NOT PRODUCED THE AWAITED RESULTS." IN FACT,
ADDED THE DAILY, THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN "EMBRACES" AND WORDS
CALLING FOR "FRATERNITY." BUT THE PAPER WONDERS "HOW CAN

ONE EQUATE BEAR HUGS WITH GUN-NYS AT THE BORDER ZONE?"

SAID LA PRENSA GRAFICA TODAY IN ITS EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ABRAZOS
Y BALAZOS EN EL SASO DE HONDURAS". (SPANISH EXCERPTS):

"EN BUSCA DE UNA SOLUCION DEL PROBLEMA HAN MENUDEADO LAS
REUNION
DLDE COMISIONES, DE MINISTROS, DE ALTOS JEFES MILITARES
Y DE GOBERNANTES. EN CADA UNA DE ESAS REUNIONES HANS ENUDEADO

TAMBIEN LOS ABRAZOS. MUCHOS HAN SIDO LOS ABRAZOS QUE Y LOS
ABRAZOS ALLA, ACOMPANADOS NATURALMENTE DE LAS PALABRAS QUE
ABUNDAN EN SENTIMIENTOS DE FRATERNIDAD. ESA FRATERNIDAD HA
SIDO TAL QUE CREEMOS QUE NO HA HABIDO NINGUNA REUNION EN LA
CUMBRE EN GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA O EN COSTA RICA DE 1969 A ESTA
FECHA EN LA CUAL SE HAYA DEJADO POR FUERA EL PROBLEMA HONDURENO-
SALVADORENO...

"ESTE EXTENSO PANORAMA DE REUNIONES YA BRAZOS ALCANZA SU MAYOR
ACTUALIDAD CON LOS ABRAZOS DE LOS ACTUALES GOBERNANTES DE HON-
DURAS Y EL SALVADOR. SON ODS MILITARES QUE, EN CIERTA FORMA,
HAN EMPENADO SU PALABRA ANTE LA OPINION PUBLICA ASEGURAN-
DO QUE ESTAN EN PROCURA DE UNA ADECUADA SOLUCION AL PROBLEMA.
LA CUESTION ES ?COMO SE PUEDEN ARMORNIZAR SUS ABRAZOS CON LOS
BALAZOS EN LA ZONA FRONTERIZA?"
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